



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held June 15, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Lead poisoning continues to be a very serious health risk for children, particularly for very young children. One of the ongoing risks of lead exposure to children is in imported candies. On April 17, 2003, the New England Journal of Medicine reported that there are negative effects on I.Q. and health in children at very low levels of blood lead concentrations.

“Assembly Bill 2297 (Vargas) would require the State Department of Health Services to test imported candy for lead, regulate the lead in imported candies, require the issuance of lead related health advisories, and order the embargo of and removal of lead contaminated candies. The County Director of Health Services needs to review the funding mechanism in the bill and other areas as it relates to the implementation.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Administrative Officer was directed to work with the Director of Health Services to analyze AB 2297 (Vargas), legislation which would require the State Department of Health Services to test imported candy for lead, regulate the lead, require the issuance of lead related health advisories, and order the embargo of and removal of lead contaminated candies; and provide the Board with an analysis of the bill within two weeks along with a recommendation concerning a County legislative position on AB 2297.

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